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Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The listed documents are form co-pending applications Serial No. 09/035,497, filed March 5, 1998 and Serial No. 09/648,696, filed August 25, 2000. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

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Applicant offers to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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